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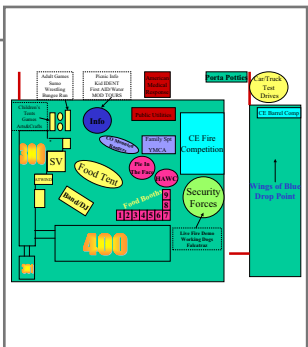
## NEWS



The 4th Space Operations Squadron celebrates recent transfer of satellite control authority of Milstar Flight 4.

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## FEATURE



The base picnic is today; a map and listing of scheduled events can help plan for the day.

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## SPORTS



Intramural volleyball gets many base members to hit the dirt.

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# Space doctrine starts from the ground up

Staff Sgt. Jason Tudor  
Air Force Print News

**MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala.** — Nothing like what he is doing now has ever been done before. There is little history to it. It is being developed from the ground up. And everyone is watching.

That is why Maj. Smokey Reddoch, a doctrine writer for space operations, wants to ensure what he is doing now creates a legacy for the 37,200 airmen he serves in Air Force Space Command and for the armed services as a whole.

Reddoch, who has been in the Air Force 14 years, is working on what will become the new Air Force Doctrine Document 2-2, Space Operations, at the Air Force Doctrine Center here. For a little more than a year, Reddoch and Maj. Scott Cook have shared the burden of uniting the ideas and teachings of space operators across the Air Force and throughout the spectrum of services.

"Space is being accepted as a critical link, and it brings more attention to what goes on in our doctrine," Reddoch said. "It's extremely difficult to generate doctrine for space because of its visibility and the fact that we really have few historical experiences to follow."

The major's work is watershed. Eighty-five percent of all military funding for space assets goes to the Air Force (with other funds distributed between the Army and Navy). Also, several recommendations were made by the Congressional Space Commission and approved by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, including:

— The Department of the Air Force is assigned responsibility to organize, train and equip for prompt and sustained offensive and defensive space operations.

— The Department of the Air Force is designated as the executive

agent for space within the Department of Defense, with Department-wide responsibility for planning, programming and acquisition of space systems.

— The secretary of the Air Force will realign headquarters and field commands to more effectively organize, train, and equip for prompt and sustained space operations. Air Force Space Command will be assigned responsibility for and provided the resources to execute space research, development, acquisition and operations.

These recommendations and others by the commission set forth a number of opportunities for the Air Force, said Brig. Gen. Michael Hamel, space operations and integration director, and deputy chief of staff for air and space operations.

"I personally believe the recommendations of the space commission have the potential to bring about the most profound changes in military space operations and in the role and leadership of space by the Air Force that I have witnessed in my career," he said.

On the basis of those recommendations and the counsel of his superiors, Reddoch said, he and Cook have several challenges ahead to revise the doctrine for the space team.

"For the most part, we're bringing folks around to believing that space is a critical component for fighting the war, but there are still a few resisters," Reddoch said. "We're being very meticulous in how we phrase things. We're focused to think in terms of the end result — the effects desired at the operational level of war. We're thinking for the future."

In addition, command and control is the main doctrine issue in which all services believe they have a stake, Reddoch said.

"Our doctrine today is working to articulate that command and control. We're making ground," he said.



courtesy photo

"Space is being accepted as a critical link and it brings more attention to what goes on in our doctrine," said Maj. Smokey Reddoch, a doctrine writer for space operations at the Air Force Doctrine Center, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. "It's extremely difficult to generate doctrine for space because of its visibility and the fact that we really have few historical experiences to follow."

Reddoch said ultimately, doctrine is advice, but his incentive for finishing the revision is when people discover its benefits and put it to use.

"When I see people discussing doctrine and attempting to apply it, that is what's most rewarding for me," he said.

Some critics say the United States will not need such enhanced capabilities for 25 years or more, when a peer may arise to challenge America militarily in space. Other critics say there should be no mili-

tary use of space, but Gen. Ralph Eberhart, commander of Air Force Space Command, said May 6 he believes this has already occurred.

"We have, in fact, militarized space," he said. "We use space assets, space information for military applications. We've been doing that for decades. The trend is increasing; not just the United States of America, but also other countries, friends, and possible foes."

"So, I think we've crossed that bridge," Eberhart said.

## New posted speed for Falcon Parkway

Bill Clearwater  
50th Civil Engineer Squadron



photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Horton

In preparation for the opening of the new fitness center, the 50th Civil Engineer Squadron has redesigned the traffic plan for Falcon Parkway and the road intersecting Falcon Parkway and the 50th Space Wing Headquarters Building.

The new design includes a crosswalk for personnel traveling between the headquarters building and the fitness center and lowering the speed limits on Falcon Parkway.

Vehicles entering on Falcon Parkway will find

the speed limit lowered to 20 mph from the headquarters building to the north parking lots. Vehicles leaving the north parking lots will drive 20 mph past the headquarters building and then resume 25 mph to the north gate.

The new traffic plan also includes re-striping Falcon Parkway to include turn lanes to exit and enter the headquarters and fitness center buildings. A cross over lane will also be available for vehicles traveling north from the headquarters to the fitness center.

Base members should be aware that the 50th Security Forces Squadron is issuing tickets for any violations of the new lowered speed limits.

# Enlisted to present Order of the Sword to ‘leader among leaders’

Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke  
50th Space Wing Command Chief

The men and women of Air Force Space Command, through their command chief master sergeants, have nominated and selected Gen. Ralph Eberhart, commander, Air Force Space Command, to receive the AFSPC Order of the Sword. The presentation will be made Sept. 28 during a ceremony at the Sheraton in downtown Colorado Springs.

The Promotion Fitness Exam manual says the Order of the Sword is “reserved for people who have given outstanding leadership and support to enlisted people. It goes on to say “the inductee is a leader among leaders and an airman among airmen.” The Order of the Sword is the highest recognition enlisted people can bestow upon anyone, and we, as enlisted people, have chosen to bestow it upon Eberhart.

In a paper written for Airman Leadership School by Senior Airman, now Staff Sgt. Eric Blissmer, 50th Communication Squadron, he references historical web sites and states: “The military Order of the Sword was established in 1522 by Gustav I of Sweden, in recognition of military service. King Gustav called upon the noblemen commissioned by him to appoint officers to serve them, they became the noncommissioned officers we know today. These ancient

NCOs would occasionally honor a leader and display their faithfulness with a sword presentation ceremony. This tradition was revived, updated and adopted by Air Force NCOs in 1966 as their method of paying tribute to leaders whom they held in the highest esteem. Since then, there have been over 199 inductees to the order.” And now the men and women of Air Force Space Command are adding Eberhart to the list.

Eberhart has been a staunch supporter of enlisted men and women for some time. How do I know this? I have been associated with the command and the general since October 2000 when I attended my first AFSPC Commanders Conference. He provided for the nine command chiefs from each of the bases to be in attendance and to provide their voice and concerns to issues. This is the norm on how he does business with enlisted people. His constant vigil on listening to his enlisted advisors and in meeting with enlisted people at enlisted calls in all his travels exemplify his willingness to listen and his desire to hear our enlisted voice.

The general personally worked food surcharge issues for remote missile alert facilities reducing food costs for enlisted members in the field. He also initiated the Congressional Visit Program for command chiefs to ensure our congressional representatives heard our enlisted voice. Being a

firm believer in troop recognition, he directed all wings to recognize promotions monthly and also revamped graduation attendance guidance ensuring adequate representation from wings at Professional Military Education graduations.

To ensure first-term airmen were inducted into their wings appropriately, Eberhart supported development of First Term Airman Centers at all our wings. He has been a staunch supporter of basic allowance for housing and pay reform for enlisted and has taken our concerns to Air Force and congressional leadership. He cares about our quality of life and has established annual conferences to ensure our lists and concerns are raised to the appropriate authorities for action. He has aggressively worked housing issues for New Boston Air Force Station, N.H., to ensure adequate living conditions for all military assigned. He has been willing to take on both the small and the big issues for all of us. This is but a small list and some of the direct issues the general has been involved with on our behalf.

I have attempted to list a few specific items to provide you assurance that your command chief master sergeants, many with more than 27 years in our Air Force, have reviewed the criteria and voted on your behalf to bestow the Order of the Sword on Eberhart. I will personally assure you this nomination is valid and well deserved.

I ask those of you who have any further questions to seek out your command chief for additional answers. I ask the rest of you to positively pass on the purpose of the Order of the Sword and the great tribute and special occasion that will take place Sept. 28. You all have an opportunity to attend and be a part of this great honor and event that we as enlisted people will bestow on a great leader.

Most of all, I would like to encourage all enlisted personnel to attempt to get a ticket and attend the celebration ceremony. The cost is \$30, but will be more than worth it. You will be able to be a part of military history, witness a time-honored ceremony, enjoy a great meal, receive a coin commemorating the event from the general, and receive other surprise commemoratives. This will be a superb night and should be one that no one wants to miss. Everyone should want to go out of duty and opportunity. Seating is limited and not everyone will be able to attend, so sign up now.

As senior noncommissioned officers and NCOs we have a duty to encourage and explain this event to junior personnel. As SNCOs and NCOs we should be supportive and should plan to attend. I look forward to seeing you at this tremendous celebration of a leader among leaders and airman among airmen; General Ralph Eberhart.

# Excellence: The pursuit of perfection

Lt. Col. Steven Ditmer  
90th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Commander

**F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo.** — One of the greatest football coaches of all time, Vince Lombardi, once said, “Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.” Lombardi’s Green Bay Packers won the NFL Championship in 1961, 1962, 1965, 1966 and 1967 - an achievement no other coach has matched in the history of professional football. Lombardi was a man of strong faith who believed in discipline, sacrifice and hard work. “There’s only one way to succeed in anything, and that’s to give it everything. I do, and I demand that my players do,” Lombardi once said.

Keeping Lombardi’s philosophy in mind, let’s explore the meaning of the Air Force’s third core value: Excellence in all we do. Does that mean everything we do should be excellent? No, not exactly.

In golf, perfection would be a

hole-in-one. At work, perfection might be an “outstanding” rating from the inspector general. We can’t expect to be excellent all the time. What “excellence in all we do” really means is that we give every task our best shot. Budget cuts, deadlines and expediency are too often our excuses for not attaining excellence. Conformity and mediocrity are safe and easy. Don’t ever settle for less than your best and convince yourself that quality and integrity are not negotiable.

Excellence is a commitment to continuous improvement. Nothing ever stays the same; we either improve or go backwards. View problems as challenges and opportunities and ask “why” a little more often.

By 1752, millions of people around the world had observed lightning, but Benjamin Franklin decided to tie a metal key to a kite so he could learn how and why electricity behaves. When asked, “Why?” never answer “Because we’ve always done it that way.” Instead, always be open to a new idea. Is there a better way? Is there

a faster way?

If you believe Lombardi, the way to achieve excellence is to strive for perfection. Anytime we strive for perfection though, we need to be careful of the pitfalls that await us.

Have you ever heard of paralysis by analysis? Some people are so determined to think through every detail of every possible scenario that they can only see opportunity in the rear-view mirror. The window of opportunity for many profitable investments, career options or relationships can sometimes close before we’re comfortable with making the move. By the time we decide to act, the time for acting has passed. Hence, the adage “carpe diem” or “Seize the day.”

Prudence and caution before taking a risk are appropriate, but the inability to make a decision and take action is not a virtue. Fear of making mistakes often causes us to not do anything. Instead, recognize that you can recover from almost any mistake, as long as your intentions were good, and you gave your best effort.

I had a boss once that said if I wasn’t making 10 mistakes a day, I wasn’t doing anything. By making mistakes, we draw -sometimes-unpleasant - attention to ourselves, but often it’s through trial and error that we eventually hit upon the best solution to a problem. If you have an idea for an improvement, try it out. Get some results. Refine your idea. Try it out again.

One cause of paralysis by analysis is searching for the “perfect” solution. Setting a high standard for yourself isn’t wrong. You just need to temper your perfectionism with realism and forgive yourself when you fail to be perfect. Some people must have straight As in school, be the top performer at work and always be right in family decisions.

They’re obsessed with perfection, and this can be dangerous. Researchers have even found a link between perfectionism and depression.

If you’re a perfectionist, be careful to not impose your standards on those around you. If you do, it will come across as criticizing and finding fault. Nothing will

ever be good enough. In your family, the house will never be clean enough, the children will never have good enough grades and nobody will ever deserve praise. Perfectionist supervisors make others unhappy and demoralize good workers.

Admitting to imperfection is not an excuse for low standards, poor performance or even failure. The fact that we know we’re not perfect shouldn’t keep us from trying. We just need to accept our imperfection and admit we can’t do everything right all the time. We’re all imperfect, and the best way to relate to one another is with patience and encouragement. Mature and learn from your mistakes, and continue moving forward.

While perfection is unattainable and unsustainable in the long run, it’s only by pursuing a higher standard than excellence that we’re ever able to catch excellence. In the words of Lombardi, “Unless you put everything you have into your pursuits - your mind, your body, your total dedication - what’s life worth?”

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Christine Anderson, director, MILSATCOM Joint Program Office, congratulates the members of the 4th Space Operations Squadron and everyone else involved in the transfer of satellite control authority for Milstar Flight 4 during a recognition ceremony Tuesday at the Peterson AFB enlisted club.

## 50th Space Wing receives TACON for Milstar Flight 4

Lt. Col. Gary Gagnon  
4th Space Operations Squadron

Headquarters Air Force Space Command received satellite control authority for Milstar Flight 4 from the MILSATCOM Joint Program Office July 23. The SCA transfer set the stage for SPACEAF to give the 50th Space Wing tactical control of Milstar Flight 4. The tireless efforts of Team Milstar, hundreds of military and contractor personnel, were instrumental in bringing the third operational satellite to the Milstar constellation. During the 144 day launch and test period, the

Milstar team successfully launched the satellite, carried out critical launch and early orbit commanding tasks, exhaustively tested all satellite subsystems and added the satellite to the operational constellation. Milstar Flight 4 is the first in the constellation to be equipped with the medium data rate payload. MDR brings to the warfighter 32 T-1 communications lines to include revolutionary nulling capabilities. Flight 4 is now part of the Milstar constellation and providing worldwide communications support to the National Command Authority and warfighting commanders in chief.

### News briefs

#### DOD tightens blood donation rules

Department of Defense believes stepped up recruiting efforts will make up for a narrowed blood donor pool caused by restrictions that begin next month because of “mad cow” disease concerns. According to the new DoD restrictions that begin in mid-September, all personnel — including active-duty military, civil service employees, and family members — will be indefinitely banned from donating blood if they traveled or resided in the United Kingdom for a cumulative three months or more at any time from 1980 through the end of 1996. The ban also applies to any person who received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom at any time from 1980 to the present; who traveled or resided anywhere in Europe for a cumulative six months or more between 1980 and the end of 1996, or who traveled or resided anywhere in Europe for a cumulative four years or more between Jan. 1, 1997, to the present.

#### Missile defense’s ‘sweet spot’ of success

The test of the ground-based ballistic missile defense system July 14 was almost a complete success, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization officials said Aug. 9. The exoatmospheric kill vehicle landed a knockout punch on the re-entry vehicle, hitting the “sweet spot” almost squarely, said Army Maj. Gen. Willie Nance Jr., the program executive officer for the project. Impact was about 18 inches behind the nose of the re-entry vehicle, he said. “The largest piece of debris that we saw, based on all the radar tracks and data that we had, was about a six-inch-size piece of debris in any dimension. And that’s debris that’s left over from the kill vehicle and the re-entry vehicle after the intercept,” he said. The next test is set for October.

#### Readiness support Web site assists guard, reserve families

Families of guard and reserve members will soon be able to obtain quality-of-life support information over the Internet to resolve issues while sponsors are away. A Family Readiness Tool Kit will become available Oct. 1 on the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Web page at [www.defenselink.mil/ra](http://www.defenselink.mil/ra). The kit is intended to be a resource for commanders and unit leaders and family members to pick the tools that they think will be most useful for their particular situation, personnel officials said. For families, the tool kit lists Web sites and toll-free numbers for medical and pay assistance, financial management tips and other information. A “help guide” contains examples of best practices that have been used by commanders to prepare families for deployments.



# AFMC unveils knowledge management Web site

Dick Ennis  
Air Force Material Command Knowledge Management Team

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Government and industry have long recognized the need to document and apply the lessons from past experience to current and future projects, programs and systems.

Despite numerous, limited attempts, little had been done to facilitate a sharing culture until the Air Force Inspector General and the General Accounting Office identified a need for an overarching and universal lessons-learned program.

That is until now.

Air Force Material Command Knowledge Management, or AFMC KM, is a web-based, selected knowledge directory and repository for sharing acquisition and support information around the Air Force. Originally chartered by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition to develop a lessons learned database, AFMC's Directorate of Requirements drove a focus shift to knowledge sharing.

This shift provides for collection and sharing of all categories of knowledge to include virtual education and training, consulting resources, lessons

learned and best practices, learning histories and other nuggets of knowledge related to a wide variety of product support mission areas, weapon systems, programs and business processes.

As part of the developing Air Force portal, the AFMC KM Web site provides content material and serves as a hub to multiple sources of knowledge providing links to related and relevant Web sites aligned by subject area.

"Our intent is to serve the operating commands by providing the necessary tools to leverage the vast amount of knowledge residing in desk drawers, file cabinets, and the minds of our workforce," said Randy Adkins, AFMC KM program manager. "We do this by providing a foundation to facilitate the collection, analysis, classification, and sharing of knowledge."

The overarching and universal requirement was satisfied using the top-level of the Air Force numerical index of standard and recurring Air Force publications. This easily navigable structure serves as a foundation for categorizing knowledge in a logical and recognizable framework. Knowledge may be found through a subject area drill down from generic to more specific subject areas, and typical

or advanced word-based search queries.

AFMC KM seeks to instill a knowledge management partnership at all levels throughout the Air Force and is in continuous search of lessons learned, best practices, success stories and other essential information intended to document key facets of individual programs, policies and systems.

The evolving product is already a robust, fully interactive KM system, which is now available to all Air Force personnel. A one-hour class demonstrating how to access and use this system is scheduled at Peterson Air Force Base with sessions throughout the day Monday through Wednesday. This class demonstrates both the power of KM and ways to use KM tools to be more effective and efficient in your day-to-day requirements generation, acquisition, test, sustainment and administrative support activities. The course, AFMC KM 101, is open to all Peterson AFB government and on-site contractor personnel who register at: <https://137.245.165.172/register/register.asp?Pd=km&Lc=Pet>. It earns attendees one Acquisition Reform Continuous Learning Point toward the bi-annual 80 point requirement.

## Society aids child care

Master Sgt. Austin Carter  
AFSPC Public Affairs

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**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** — Everyone in a blue suit has heard at least one story of how the Air Force Aid Society has given out emergency loans to financially strapped airmen, helping them to survive when the money just wasn't there.

And everyone's heard how the AFAS has given out thousands of dollars in educational grants to family members with special needs.

And many know how the AFAS has paid for funeral and travel expenses for Air Force members with a death in the family.

But many parents don't know that the aid organization is stepping in with a helping hand at the child care center as well.

"The money is there for these programs," said Tracy Dockum, the Head Quarters Air Force Space Command family programs manager. "The family support center acts as the liaison between the servicemember and the AFAS."

There are three AFAS funded child care funded programs available for servicemembers: Child Care for Volunteers, Child Care for permanent change of station and Give Parents a Break.

The Give Parents a Break Program, the most popular of the child care programs for AFSPC, is aimed to alleviating many of the stresses that a military family finds themselves in - deployments, remote tours and long working hours. The AFAS pays for the cost of opening the child development center one or two times a month for families who are referred to the program. Families can be added to the program when the military member is being deployed or going on temporary duty; when the family has a child with special needs; during an emergency situation, such as the illness of a family member; when the family has just moved on base; and under unique circumstances or hardships. The family will not be charged.

This program is available at all AFSPC bases. The family must be referred by one of the following: the squadron first sergeant or commander, the chaplain, a doctor or other medical

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professional, a member of family advocacy, a member of the family support center or a member of the child development center.

According to Martivia Davison, Peterson AFB mother of four - a 4-year-old, a 3-year-old and 3-month-old twins, the program is a godsend.

“I know it gives me a break,” she said. “It’s wonderful. I hope it never ends.”

She learned about the program as a Child Development Center worker at Warner-Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Since moving to Peterson, Davison, who works on base, has found that the program has given her a few much-needed precious hours for her and her firefighter husband, who works on 24-hour shifts.

“I can clean the house, go to the mall, go to the gym,” she said. “Sometimes I just take a nap. You can do something without someone saying ‘mommy, mommy, mommy’ at you all the time. I wish it were more than twice a month.”

The lesser-known programs of AFAS child care, aimed at the volunteers and the PCSing members, are dependent on family child care availability at each base, said Dockum.

The volunteer program acknowledges the importance of volunteers in the workings of a base. Under this program, the AFAS provides up to \$1,000 a month to each base to pay for child care for volunteers’ children at a certified family child care home. This does not include volunteers for social functions, fund-raising or working at the thrift shop, nor those under the dental clinic dental assistant

training program.

Lastly, the AFAS can assist PCSing families by paying for up to 20 hours of child care, per child, in a certified family child care home within 30 days of arrival or departure. If both bases offer the program, a certificate can be obtained at both bases for 30 days apiece. The certificate is only good at the base where it is issued. All ranks are eligible, and the family support center issues the certificates.

Many AFSPC bases carry both the PCS and volunteer program but they have to be requested, sometimes on a space-available basis.

“Publicity is always an issue,” said Dockum. “Family support centers advertise our programs in newsletters, the base paper, in briefings to first sergeants and commanders, even through direct mailings to spouses but many just don’t take advantage of these exceptional programs.”

The lack of knowledge about these programs is what is prompting retired Lt. Gen. Michael McGinty, the new executive director of the Air Force Aid Society, to blitz a number of Air Force bases in an effort to promote the benefits available.

“The good news about the Air Force Aid Society is that we have a lot of flexibility to help,” he said in a recent interview with the Air Force Times.

“It’s a proactive charity, as well as lending a helping hand during unpleasant and emergency situations,” said Dockum.

Call the Schriever Family Support center at 7-3920 or the Peterson Child Development Center at 554-9572 for more information on these programs.

# AF participate in strike

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons were among some 20 Operation Southern Watch Coalition aircraft used in a strike against military communication, radar and missile sites in southern Iraq Aug. 10.

The strike, called “routine” by officials from U.S. Central Command, targeted a number of Iraqi sites, including communication facilities near An Numaniyah, about 70 miles southeast of Baghdad, and against a mobile early warning radar system and surface-to-air missile site near An Nasiriyah, about 170 miles southeast of Baghdad, said Army Lt. Col. Steve Cambell, spokesperson for the Department of Defense. Target battle damage assessment is still ongoing.

The strikes were said to be in response to recent hostile acts by Iraq against Coalition aircraft monitoring the no-fly zones in the region. Joining the F-16s in this strike were Navy F/A-18 Hornets and F-14A Tomcats, along with Royal Air Force FR-4 aircraft. All aircraft returned safely from Iraqi airspace to their forward-deployed units, officials said.

“We conduct the strikes to protect U.S. and coalition pilots and aircraft monitoring the no-fly zones,” said Army Col. Rick Thomas, CENTCOM spokesperson at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

A Pentagon spokesperson noted that coalition aircraft on Operation Northern Watch patrol were attacked today by Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles, but did not respond. A previous coalition strike in the southern no-fly zone was made July 17 against an Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery site, the CENTCOM release said.

*(Compiled from American Forces Information Service and Air Force News Service reports)*

# Base picnic has something for everyone

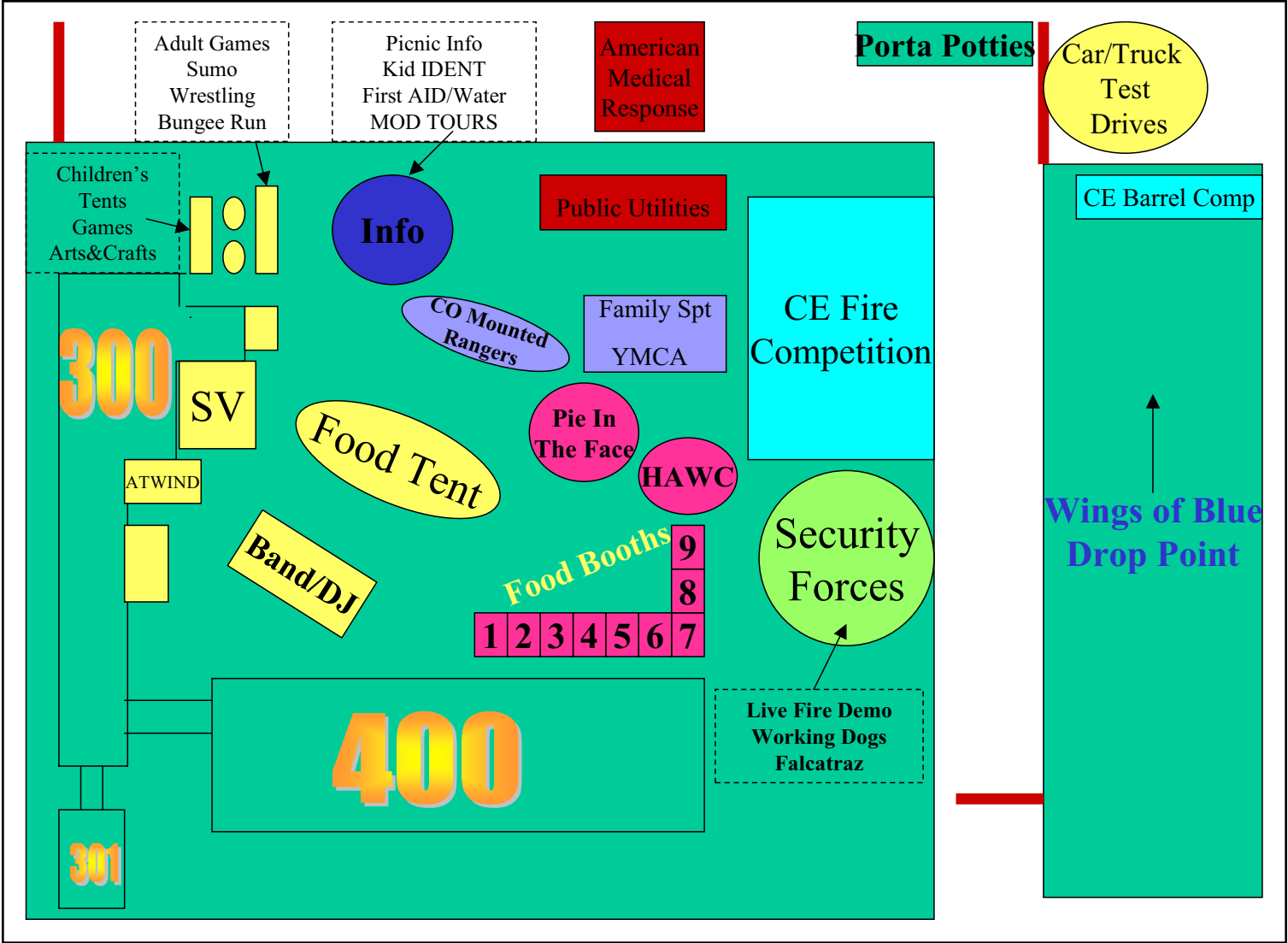
## Schedule of Events

0900...Picnic KickOff	1130-1200...MOD Tour (1 SOPS)
0900-1000...Fitness Center Volleyball	1200-1245...High, Wide, and Handsome Variety Show
0930-1015...Softball Game -Top3 vs Commanders (Softball Field)	1200-1230...MOD Tour (2 SOPS)
0930-1000...MOD Tour (1 SOPS)	1200-1300...Fitness Center Dizzy Bat Race
1000-1030...MOD Tour (2 SOPS)	1230-1300...Security Forces Working Dog Demonstration
1000-1030...Pie-In-The-Face Contest	1230-1300...MOD Tour (3 SOPS)
1000-1045...High, Wide, and Handsome Variety Show	1300-1330...MOD Tour (22 SOPS)
1000-1100...Fitness Center Basketball Hotshot Competition	1300-1400...Fitness Center Tug of War
1030-1100...MOD Tour (3 SOPS)	1330-1400...MOD Tour (1 SOPS)
1030-1100...Pie Eating Contest	1400-1445...High, Wide, and Handsome Variety Show
1100-1130...Wings of Blue Parachute Team Demonstration	1400-1430...MOD Tour (2 SOPS)
1100-1130...MOD Tour (22 SOPS)	1430-1500...MOD Tour (3 SOPS)
1100-1200...Fitness Center Horseshoe Competition	1500...Picnic Ends
1130-1200...Security Forces Working Dog Demonstration	

### All Day Activities

Disc Jockey	USAFA Falconer Demonstration
Clown Performances	Health and Wellness Center Demonstration
Kids Games (Giant Slide, Jumping Castle, Bubble Pool, Arts & Crafts, Face Painting, and more)	Security Forces Falcatraz
Adult Games (Sumo Wrestling, Bungee Run)	Security Forces Live Fire Demonstration
American Medical Response Demonstration	Security Forces Kid IDENT
Colorado Mounted Rangers Home	Civil Engineering Fire Department Competition
Safety Demonstration	Public Utilities Demonstration
	Vehicle Test Drives

- 1 - CGOC/Burgers & Dogs
- 2 - Knights Out/Nachos
- 3 - SAC/Rootbeer Floats
- 4 - NAVSTAR/Cotton Candy
- 5 - Communications/Brats
- 6 - The Booster Club/  
Ice Cream
- 7 - Black Heritage  
Awareness/Hot Dogs
- 8 - Linksters/fruit drinks
- 9 - Planners Booster Club/  
Ice Cream







Jim Rainier, 50th Mission Support Squadron, returns a serve while Nathan Neelson stands ready to assist during intramural volleyball action Tuesday.



Tom Hornik, Space Warfare Center, digs the ball during SWCs game against the 50th MSS. SWC won the match two games to one.

# Volleyball season in full swing

Staff Sgt. Steve Horton  
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

The intramural volleyball season is half over and most teams are still in the hunt for the championship. According to the fitness center staff, the 50th Communications Group team has a slight edge over the rest, but the race remains tight as most of the team records are pretty even.

Volleyball games are played Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the sand court next to the fitness center.

For more information on playing, contact the fitness center at 7-3338, or your unit representative.



Neelson returns a SWC serve while Costello prepares for the next shot.



Gerald Costello, 50th MSS, sets the ball for a teammate. MSS won the first game of the match 14-6, but SWC roared back to win the next two.



Rainier and Hornik battle for the ball at the net. Even though SWC won the match, all of the teams in the league are very competitive.

photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Horton

# Onizuka contractor logs 575 miles for AIDS victims

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A desire to help others and to challenge herself is why Dorothy McMahon did it — riding her bike from San Francisco to Los Angeles, roughly 575 miles, in seven days. The Scitor contractor at Onizuka Air Force Station, Calif., was one of approximately 27,000 riders participating in “California AIDS Ride 8,” an annual fundraiser held June 3 to 9. McMahon said she engages in this grueling event (her third consecutive year) for personal reasons as well as for the physical challenge. “I’ve lost three relatives to AIDS,” she said, “and have friends diagnosed with the disease.” Plus, she added, the scenery is beautiful. Participation in the fundraiser isn’t simply a matter of pedaling mile after mile, although riders averaged 80 miles a day for nine to 12 hours a day. Each rider must

raise \$2700, generally from sponsors and donations, and show proof when registering. This year’s event raised \$11.8 million, of which 60 percent went to AIDS research and 40 percent to operating expenses. McMahon, who made the trip with her Aunt Doris, friend Patty and six others, began training in January. Whether outdoors on her 21-speed Bianchi or indoors on a stationary bike, she pedaled an average of 300 to 500 miles each month. The journey down the California coast took riders through Santa Cruz, King City, Paso Robles, Oceano, Lompoc and Ventura. Riders were allowed five rest stops each day and offered a full complement of amenities, including food and water, massages and chiropractic care. A sports medicine doctor was also available. Daily meals consisted of food heavy in protein and carbohydrates. McMahon was triumphant after completing the ride and said the camaraderie was outstanding.

## 1st SOPS airman named AFSPC’s “Enlisted Space Operator of the Year”

Senior Airman Charles Rogers  
1st Space Operations Squadron

Airman 1st Class Erin Barstow, winner of numerous awards, has done it again. Air Force Space Command recognized her as the Enlisted Space Operator of the Year for 2000. Barstow was selected as the top enlisted space operator out of 438 total in AFSPC. She is a multi-certified operator for the Defense Support Program and the Global Positioning System satellite constellations. Her expertise in both satellite systems is evident in her evaluation scores. She earned seven “Highly Qualified” ratings, AFSPC’s highest rating, out of seven evaluations. Her fifth HQ rating earned her AFSPC’s Crewmember Excellence Award, which requires five HQs out of seven evaluations with no “Unqualified” ratings. “It is unusual for someone to earn the Crewmember Excellence Award so quickly,” said Maj. Steve Hamilton, the 1st Space Operations Squadron operations officer, “but I can’t say I’m surprised. Erin makes everything about

this business look easy.” Barstow enlisted in the Air Force in late 1998 and arrived at 1st SOPS in July of 1999. Since then, she has proven her prowess on crew and obtained a position in the 1st SOPS Orbital Analysis section. Even in this demanding role, she continues to surpass everyone’s expectations. She is advancing in the year-long OA training program at amazing speed. “She is flaming through the training,” says Staff Sgt. Victor Gutierrez, her immediate supervisor in OA. “At this rate, she will be a fully certified Orbital Analyst in nine months. It takes most new hires a full year to complete the training.” As for the future, Barstow plans on earning her bachelor’s degree and is considering the pursuit of a commission. She is currently taking core-level courses at Pikes Peak Community College and plans on transferring her credits to a four-year program later. She says she likes the Air Force and wants to make a career of it. Barstow’s future in the Air Force looks bright.